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THE TRAINING OF NURSES.

The organization under the auspices of the Relief Society for the instruction of young women as trained nurses, is to be highly commended and encouraged. We congratulate all who have been engaged in it on their success. We understand that the good work will be continued this season, as part of the instructions given at the L. D. S. University. Nurses thoroughly trained in the art of waiting upon the sick and infirm are in great demand. The supply is not anywhere near to the point of that demand. This lack is felt all over the United States, where training of the kind referred to has been in progress for many years, but it is experienced in a greater degree in country places, particularly in this western world.

Modern improvements and facilities for proper attendance upon the sick have advanced rapidly in later times, and there should be a diffusion of knowledge on this important matter for the benefit of individual families and for the general good. Classes for the training of women in an understanding of their own nature and organism and for attendance upon the sick of their own sex, are among the necessities of these times of culture and progress. We think they should be encouraged by the male medical fraternity, rather than hindered in the work for which they may become fitted by proper instruction. In obstetrics, women thoroughly indoctrinated and informed ought to be permitted to practice, even if it should in some degree curtail the emoluments of male graduates. It is more fitting that women, properly trained and informed, should wait upon their own sex at childbirth than that male practitioners should have a monopoly of the work. There ought to be no jealousy in this matter. There is ample field for every thoroughly competent surgeon and physician, without standing in the way of women, able, intelligent, informed and capable of attending to women in the throes of travail and labor. There are portions of this State where women so qualified would be indeed a boon to their sex, and nothing should be placed in the way of their tuition and graduation for this necessary and humane work.

Trained nurses, however, are generally much desired by the best physicians and surgeons, for the recovery of patients is often largely due to the care and skill of the nurse, and that constant attention which the regular doctor has not time to bestow. Instructors in this branch of knowledge and culture are not very numerous in the community, but such as we have should receive opportunities to train their sisters in this branch of knowledge and labor, for there cannot be too many people qualified to wait upon the sick, even if they do not follow nursing as a regular profession. The good work should be encouraged and maintained.

SPLENDID ORGANIZATIONS.
The Mutual Improvement associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have commenced their fall and winter work. Theirs is a great and splendid cause in which to be engaged. They are organized for mutual benefit, moral, intellectual and spiritual. They have not at present facilities for fashionable physical improvement, but most of them can find plenty of opportunities for the development of muscles in useful channels, if not in those performances that come under the head of "physical culture." There are ways and means by which our young men may become sufficiently athletic for the affairs of life, both in amusements and vocations, which bring into play the forces and activities of growing manhood.

The societies that have been organized for the advancement of young men, and those for the young ladies, deserve the encouragement of the older members of our community. Their influence should be exerted to render these societies all that they are intended to be. Our young people should be urged to attend the meetings that are held regularly and to take part in the exercises. Opportunities are there afforded to bring out the latent abilities and talents of all the members, in all their variety and mutual interests.

These associations combine instruction and entertainment. Music, oratory, dramatic talent, literary ability and devotional feeling and expression are cultivated, moral precepts are presented, intellectual thought is developed, and spiritual doctrine is imparted, all tending to improve and advance the members and fit them to become noble, useful, intelligent and devoted men and women, loyal citizens of their country, and faithful servants and handmaidens of the Most High.

The men and women who are engaged in promoting this great work among the youth of Zion deserve the highest praise for that which they have

achieved, and the aid of the good and the wise in that which they expect to accomplish. They are banded together in the service of the Lord and of humanity. They will have joy in their labors and will reap a sure reward. We congratulate the associations in the commencement of their work for 1905-6. They should profit by the past and prepare for the future. Every member should be willing to do something to enlighten, instruct or amuse his or her associates, and the meetings appointed should be kept up with strict regularity, punctuality and hearty interest. We say God bless them in their efforts to promote and develop all that is good and great in human character and bring mankind nearer to the Divine.

"REORGANIZED" ERROR.

The "Reorganized" Church vs. Salvation for the Dead, is the title of a little pamphlet by Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., just issued. It deals with the history and importance of the doctrine of baptism for the dead, and shows conclusively that it is one of the fundamental teachings of the Gospel dispensation, utterly rejected and condemned by the "Reorganizers." The pamphlet closes with an editorial from the Times and Seasons, written by the Prophet Joseph, in which the subject of salvation for the dead is discussed. It is an interesting little print which we most cordially recommend to the careful study of all interested in the subject.

The reader will probably notice the term "Reorganizers," used by the author. It may not be formed in strict accordance with the established rules, but it certainly is preferable to the term "Josephites," to which that sect has absolutely no right, since its members are in no true sense of the word the followers of the martyred Prophet of our dispensation.

UTAH AT THE FAIR.

Utah came grandly to the front at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. No State exhibits attracted more interest at the Portland fair. Great crowds swarmed into the Utah building and comments on the display of our products and industries were highly complimentary. The mineral specimens, the concentrating machinery and the educational exhibit attracted the greatest attention, and the public verdict appears to have been endorsed by the committees that awarded the prizes.

The Deseret News has published the lists of medals awarded to Utah exhibitors and we have waited to allude to them editorially, until the prizes on educational exhibits were given. These have now been awarded, and as we expected, Utah stands high on the list. We feel proud of the State's attainments in this respect and direct special attention to them as follows:

Gold medals for the state as a whole; school for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, Weber State academy, Cache county, University of Utah on entire display; Agricultural college on manual training work in wood and iron; sewing and cooking, and as a whole; kindergarten training school as a whole; Salt Lake City; elementary education, Ogden; Elementary and commercial department, silver medals; Logan Latter-day Saints Church school and Presbyterian academy; Brigham Young College and Latter-day Saints university; Brigham Young University; Park City, Provo, and Normal training school; University of Utah. On unified course of study, bronze medals; Snow academy, Weber State academy, Cache county, Salt Lake county, Davis county, Utah county, Weber county, and Eureka, Honorable mention; Indian Industrial school, Ephraim; Rowland Hall, Boxelder county, Kate B. Anderson's notaphone, are also remembered.

We congratulate the Utah Commission on the excellent conduct and management displayed at Portland. The funds appropriated have been judiciously and economically expended, and there is a balance on hand after all expenses have been met, independent of the amount that may accrue from the sale of effects after the close of the exposition. Hon. Spencer Clawson is entitled to a high word of praise for his able, skillful and gentlemanly supervision of affairs, and Secretary Cunningham, with all who have been actively engaged in making Utah's exhibits successful should come in for cordial commendation. Utah is to the front and should be kept there.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

One of the stupid falsehoods sounded on every note on the key board and in every variation malice can suggest, is this, that the "Mormons" do not patronize outsiders, but discriminate against them because of their faith. Let us see.

We have just had a Church Conference, and a state fair in this city. Thousands of Latter-day Saints have visited the capital, coming from all parts of Utah, and surrounding states. Have the business men, who are not "Mormons," had any benefit of this immense concourse of visitors from all the settlements of the Saints? Let their daily sales testify on that question.

We happen to know that one house, almost anti-"Mormon," sold, last Saturday, in the retail department, \$15,000 worth of goods. That is not bad for one day. Other houses did business on a similar scale, and it is safe to say that a very considerable part of this trade was due to the presence in this city of "Mormon" conference visitors. These save up money from conference to conference, come here and buy clothing, and other commodities, and take in the amusements, and every one knows that they spend their money freely where they get the best value for it, without regard to faith or creed. Business men know that this is the truth, and the volume of conference trade proves it.

And yet, there are business men who believe their best interests are served by unprincipled conspirators against the community, whose only grievances are those conjured up by their own diseased brains.

THE STORK IN NEW YORK.

New York shows an encouraging increase in the birthrate. According to the statistics of the health department, during the first six months of the present

year there were 59,943 births reported, as against 47,284 in the period of 1904. The increase amounts to 3,559. In the first six months of 1905 there were 20,768 marriages, as against 19,295 in the same period in 1904.

Health Commissioner Darlington believes that this increase is largely due to the recent warnings against what has been called race suicide. "With everybody," he says, "talking about the blessings which early marriages and large families bring, nothing is more natural than that the young folks, and many older ones too, should say to each other, 'Let's take Roosevelt's advice and get married.' With matrimony put up on the high plane of patriotism, there is a drift of the people that way, of course. Prosperity also has stimulated both marriages and births."

It is not improbable that this view is sustained by the facts. If so, the arraignment of the nation, by a physician, some time ago, when he charged that millions yet unborn had been murdered in this country, since the days of President Lincoln, is no idle fancy. And yet those who clamor for purity and morality do not seem to be alarmed at the conditions that surround them. As their Pharisaical prototypes of old, they are daintily straining at the gnat, while they are trying to force the camel down their white throats—legs, humps and all.

The President seems to think that football as played today is just a little bit too strenuous.

Paris has the biggest debt of any city in the world. It amounts to \$400,000,000. C'est magnifique.

If it meets expectations in curing tuberculosis, Behring serum may become more famous than Behring sea.

Senator Dewey makes no bon mots about the big life insurance companies. No one seems to have a good word for them.

Henceforth what transpires at cabinet meetings is to be kept a profound secret. All same executive sessions of the Senate.

Seventy-three thousand dollars last year for free luncheons for Mutual Life clerical force. It is evident they were not quick luncheons.

Rev. Dr. Chew of Newberg, N. Y., has made a bitter attack on Bishop Potter. The bishop does not reply because he makes it a rule to eschew evil.

The old pathfinders have taken the new path to Los Angeles. In that city their path will be strewn with roses; and may their path through life be the same!

Pat Crowe must have felt flattered by his reception on his arrival at Omaha. It was greater and more demonstrative than the one given Cassie Chadwick on her arrival in Cleveland.

The new battleship Mississippi, which was launched a few days ago, by naval experts is pronounced "obsolete." Some of the naval experts are as foolish in their utterances as some of the University of Chicago professors are.

Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, says that insurance companies are not founded to make money for the policyholders; "they are eleemosynary." Then making heavy contributions to political campaign funds is essentially eleemosynary work.

A member of the British parliament was a guest at the life insurance investigation yesterday. King-ridden England, on whose possessions the sun never sets, could present no such scene as this British lord there beheld. Only in the land of the brave and the home of the free could it be witnessed. And yet Americans do not boast of it.

Vice President Gillette of the Mutual Life Insurance company testified that his company contributed forty thousand dollars to the Republican campaign fund in 1904; thirty-five thousand in 1900, and fifteen thousand in 1896. He justified the contributions on the same ground that President McCall of the New York Life did, fear of Democratic success. Evidently these gentlemen believe in the theory of doing evil that good may come.

General Williams, commanding the Department of the Columbia, in his annual report to Secretary of War Taft strongly takes the position that there should be no captains above the age of forty. His position is absurd. It is a slopping-over from the position taken by some naval officers and the idea grew out of the fact that the officers of the Japanese army and navy in the late war were mostly young men. If a man at forty is not fit to be a captain he is not fit to be a major or a colonel. General Williams has adopted a fact; that is all.

A NEW STANDARD.

London Outlook.
It has been borne in upon Europe by the experiences of the war that there is today no Western nation with a fibre so hardy, with the spirit of unity so intense and so extensive, with the capacity for self-surrender and with the sense of obligation so universal and positive, as Japan's. To a degree that the Occident not only cannot approach but finds it hard even to realize, Japan is a state animated by the passion of private sacrifice for public ends. Europe, in fact, has to acknowledge, and to rearrange her diplomacy by the acknowledgment, that Japan is a power of the very first class, energetic, incalculable, perspicacious, fearless, resolute, indomitable, equipped morally, mentally and materially with all that makes a nation victorious and keeps her great.

OCTOBER.

New York Mail.
October is the month of paradoxes. The brightest of them is Indian summer, a delicious season which may come now and may not, until November; the season of warmth which lies between the first sharp frosts and the coming of the wintry chill. Sentimentally the month's keenest paradox is the overflow of youthful spirits that

marks it. In spite of the fact that the fall and death of the year is at hand. It is the month of the most extravagant joy of the boys and girls; the month when even school has zest and fun in it; the month of the abundance of good things to eat; the month when games and parties and clubs and pretty social conspiracies are organized. For the old, the gathering autumnal shadows may possess altogether too much significance; but for the young, it brings nothing but hopefulness and the promise of accomplishment.

BROKE ONE RECORD.

Springfield Republican.
The new battleship Mississippi, launched Saturday, is pronounced "obsolete" already by the naval experts. This is no joke. They mean it. In reaching the "obsolete" class before she ever touched the water, the Mississippi beats all the records, ancient and modern. The ship's cost is about \$5,000,000. The money is worse than "obsolete," apparently, but there's no help for it.

MARK TWAIN JOKED.

Hartford Post.
Bishop Doane of Albany was at one time rector of an Episcopal church in Hartford, and the services at this church Mark Twain would occasionally attend. Twain one Sunday played a joke on the rector. "Dr. Doane," he said at the end of the service, "I enjoyed your sermon this morning. I welcomed it like an old friend. I have, you know, a book at home containing every word of it. 'You have not,' said Dr. Doane, 'I have not,' said the humorist. 'Well, send that book to me, I'd like to see it.' 'I'll send it,' Twain replied. And he sent the next morning an unabridged dictionary to the rector.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the October number of Men and Women, under the caption of "The Modern Slaughter of the Innocent," Owen R. Lovejoy, of the National Child Labor committee, contributes a startling array of facts and figures that are bound to quicken the public to a sense of the impending industrial and sociological calamity. Next to this powerful article is the sturdy appeal of Governor Folk, of Missouri, for the people themselves to exercise their power and right the wrongs of bad government. The number also contains an array of high grade fiction. A double page of exquisite pictures, two pages of music, departments of cooking, fashions for men and women, house decoration and many other attractive features round out this number.—117 Longworth St., Cincinnati, O.

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